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# Groups of countries in special situations

## Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled

> "Groups of countries in special situations:
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> "(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
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> "(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 26th, 28th and 29th meetings, on 8, 10 and 14 November 2006. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/61/SR.26, 28 and 29). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 2 to 4 October (see A/C.2/61/SR.2-6). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be provided in the addenda to the present report, as follows:

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in three parts, under the symbol A/60/425 and Add.1 and 2.

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3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Letter dated 28 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/486)

(a) **Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries**

Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/61/82-E/2006/74 and A/61/82/Corr.1-E/2006/74/Corr.1)

Report of the Secretary-General for the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/61/173 and Corr.1)

Note by the President of the General Assembly transmitting the summary of the informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector (A/61/162)

Report of the preparatory meeting of experts for the high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/61/323)

Letter dated 27 June 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/117)

(b) **Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation**

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action (A/61/302)

Letter dated 6 July 2006 from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/126)

Letter dated 24 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/181)

4. At the 26th meeting, on 8 November, the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/61/SR.26).

5. At the same meeting, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2005, the Committee held a dialogue with the High Representative during which comments were made and questions were posed by the delegations of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Afghanistan, Benin, Japan, Paraguay and Bolivia, to which the High Representative responded (see A/C.2/60/SR.26).



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